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**John A. Houston**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952  
Education: Miami 1977 JD  
Began Service: October 9, 2003

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of California, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, Ronald Reagan Administration (1981-1998)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court (1998-2003)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1978-1981)

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**Roger T. Benitez**  
District Judge

Began Service: June 2004  
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**Judicial:** Superior Court Judge, Imperial County (1997-2001); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of California (2001-2004)

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**Janis Lynn Sammartino**  
District Judge

Began Service: September 21, 2007  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

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**Howard B. Turrentine**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1914  
Education: San Diego State 1936 AB; USC 1939 LLB  
Began Service: April 1970  
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

**Government:** City Prosecutor, Office of the City Attorney, City of San Diego, California (1940-1941); Member, Board of Appeals, Selective Service System (1966)

**Judicial:** Judge, Superior Court of California (1968-1970)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1945-1968)

**Military Service:** United States Navy, United States Department of Defense (1941-1945)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Federal Bar Association

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**Gordon Thompson, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1929  
Education: USC 1951 BS; Southwestern Law 1956 LLB  
Began Service: October 16, 1970  
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

**Government:** Deputy District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of San Diego, California (1957-1960)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Thompson & Thompson (1960-1970)

**Current Memberships:** American Board of Trial Advocates; Federal Bar Association

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**Leo S. Papas**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Began Service: June 26, 1991  
Term Expires: 2014

**Judicial:** Presiding Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of California

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**Louisa S. Porter**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Indiana 1969 BA; San Diego 1977 JD  
Began Service: June 19, 1991  
Term Expires: June 1, 2015

**Legal Practice:** Private Civil Trial Practice (1977-1991)

**Current Memberships:** The American Inns of Court; Federal Magistrate Judges Association

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**William B. Enright**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: July 12, 1925  
Education: Dartmouth 1947 BA; Loyola Marymount 1950 LLB  
Began Service: July 14, 1972

**Government:** Deputy District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of San Diego, California (1951-1954)

**Legal Practice:** Harelson, Enright, Levitt & Knutson (1954-1972)

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**Rudi M. Brewster**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1932  
Education: Princeton 1954 BA; Stanford 1960 JD  
Began Service: June 15, 1984  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Legal Practice:** Gray, Cary, Ames & Frye (1960-1984)

**Military Service:** United States Naval Reserve (1954-1957); United States Navy (1981)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Trial Lawyers; International Association of Insurance Counsel; San Diego County Bar Association; The State Bar of California

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**Ruben B. Brooks**

Presiding Magistrate Judge

Began Service: September 2, 1993  
Term Expires: September 1, 2015

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